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SUBJECT: CREDENTIALS PRESENTATION CEREMONY

1. SUMMARY: IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE YOUR DECISION ON TWO MATTERS RE CREDENTIALS PRESENTATION; WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE KNOWING IF DEPARTMENT PREPARING REMARKS FOR CEREMONY (REMARKS WE SHOULD PASS TO FOREIGN AFFAIRS SHORTLY AFTER YOUR ARRIVAL). END SUMMARY

2. IN MAY 19 MEETING WITH DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PROTOCOL DIAZ (DIRECTOR IS IN AUSTRALIA FOR MENZIES FUNERAL), WE LEARNED OR CONFIRMED FOLLOWING ABOUT CREDENTIALS CEREMONY:

- -- YOU CAN EXPECT TO PRESENT CREDENTIALS WITHIN "FEW DAYS TO WEEK" AFTER ARRIVAL; IF ARRIVAL SLIGHTLY DELAYED (E.G. JUNE 6), CEREMONY ALMOST CERTAIN TO BE HELD PRIOR TO JUNE 10 SO THAT YOU ARE IN FULL SWING BY TIME OF INTERIM ASSEMBLY INAUGURATION AND PHILIPPINE NATIONAL DAY (JUNE 12);

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- -- DECISION ON DATE OF PRESENTATION WILL NOT BE MADE UNTIL AFTER YOUR ARRIVAL;

- -- ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE FOR MRS. MURPHY AND YOUR SON TO OBSERVE CEREMONY, IF YOU WANT. ARRANGEMENTS COULD ALSO INCLUDE ANOTHER EMBASSY WIFE. (I WOULD RECOMMEND AGAINST THAT LEST IT BECOME POINT OF RESENTMENT AMONGST

OTHERS.)

- -- EMBASSY STAFF AT CEREMONY SHOULD BE LIMITED TO SIX (THOUGH I FEEL SURE THIS COULD BE EXPENDED SLIGHTLY IF

NECESSARY);

- -- YOUR REMARKS FOR CEREMONY SHOULD BE GIVEN TO DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (DFA) FEW DAYS BEFORE CEREMONY, PREFERABLY IN FIRST CALL AT DFA;
- -- CHOICE OF DRESS REMAINS BARONG OR MORNING SUIT;
- -- IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR YOU TO INVITE DIRECTOR OF PROTOCOL AND HIS IMMEDIATE ASSISTANTS TO STOP BY RESIDENCE BRIEFLY AFTER CEREMONY.

3. DIAZ ALSO NOTED PRACTICE HERE CALLS FOR FOLLOWING:

- -- YOU WILL BE MET AT AIRPORT UPON ARRIVAL BY DIRECTOR OF PROTOCOL;
- -- YOU SHOULD CALL AT DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ON FIRST WORKING DAY AFTER YOUR ARRIVAL, INITIALLY ON DIRECTOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF PROTOCOL, THEN ON FOREIGN SECRETARY;

- -- DAY AFTER CREDENTIALS CEREMONY, YOU HAVE WREATH-LAYING CEREMONIES AT BOTH RIZAL MONUMENT AND HEROES' CEMETERY, LATTER USUALLY INVOLVING A REVIEW OF TROOPS ALSO (DRESS FOR BOTH OCCASIONS: DARK BUSINESS SUIT);

4. IT WOULD HELP IF YOU COULD MAKE TWO DECISIONS BEFORE YOUR ARRIVAL: STAFF ATTENDANCE AT CEREMONY AND DRESS FOR CEREMONY.

5. ON ATTENDANCE, DECISION SIMPLIFIED BY FOLLOWING:

- A) YOU CAN EXCLUDE DCM (I STILL PLAN LEAVE FROM JUNE 5 TO 19 FOR RETURN TO U.S.), ADMIN COUNSELOR (UNLESS NICK THORNE PLANS TO BE HERE WELL BEFORE JUNE 12, WHEN DEITCHMAN LEAVES FOR SERVICE ON PROMOTION PANEL) AND CONSUL GENERAL (ALSO LEAVING IN JUNE, WITH REPLACEMENT DUE LATER IN SUMMER
- B) THIS LEAVES SEVEN PRINCIPAL CANDIDATES: POL COUNSEL ECON COUNSELOR, SPECIAL ASSISTANT NATZKE, PUBLIC AFFAIRS COUNSELOR, DIRECTOR OF AID, DEFENSE ATTACHE, AND CHIEF OF

JUSMAG.

- C) OF THESE SEVEN, SPECIAL ASSISTANT IS NOT ANXIOUS TO PARTICIPATE (HE WOULD PARTICIPATE, OF COURSE, IF YOU WANT HIM).

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MINUS SPECIAL ASSISTANT.

6. RE DRESS, ARRANGEMENTS EITHER TO BORROW MORNING SUITS HERE OR RENT FROM HONG KONG ARE POSSIBLE. RENTAL ARRANGEMENTS, HOWEVER, NEED ABOUT 10 DAYS IN ADVANCE. (OF SEVEN NOTED ABOVE, 3 WOULD HAVE TO BORROW OR RENT: ECON COUNSELOR, AID DIRECTOR AND SPECIAL ASSISTANT.)
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